

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
2nd Legislative Day
Thursday, January 9, 2014

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Chaplain Colonel Andrew Gibson, Joint Forces Headquarters-Maine Chaplain, Augusta.

National Anthem by Cara Kinney, Limington.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Julie Keller Pease, M.D., Brunswick.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry"

(S.P. 657) (L.D. 1673)

Bill "An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 641) (L.D. 1674)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Emergency Management Laws"

(S.P. 650) (L.D. 1672)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Prohibit Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting in Certain Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitats" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 646) (L.D. 1671)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children"

(S.P. 669) (L.D. 1704)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Consumer Credit Code To Facilitate the Multistate Licensing Process"

(S.P. 678) (L.D. 1712)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Work-sharing Program To Conform with Federal Law" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 666) (L.D. 1701)

Bill "An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine"

(S.P. 676) (L.D. 1710)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Territory of the Bayville Village Corporation"

(S.P. 677) (L.D. 1711)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Conform the Maine Tax Laws to the United States Internal Revenue Code" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 671) (L.D. 1705)

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

(S.P. 672) (L.D. 1706)

Bill "An Act To Amend the State's Tax Laws"

(S.P. 673) (L.D. 1707)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Maine Turnpike Authority**

Report of the **Maine Turnpike Authority** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2015"

(S.P. 674) (L.D. 1708)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Came from the Senate, Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** in concurrence.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 304)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 7, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 371-A, §7030, I am pleased to appoint the following to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women:

Andrea Irwin of Portland, replacing Karen Raye of Perry

Rebekah Smith of Union, replacing Ruth Summers of Scarborough

Sarah Lindquist of Portland, replacing Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic

Elizabeth Ward Saxl of Manchester, reappointment

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 303)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 8, 2014

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development has approved the request by the sponsor, Senator Patrick of Oxford, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 1328 An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 670)

**MAINE SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

December 23, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

126th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

126th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 23, 2013, 44 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 23, 2013, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Confidentiality of Wood Processor Report Information" (S.P. 660) (L.D. 1665) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative WILSON of Augusta and Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, GIFFORD of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 630) (L.D. 1639) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative WILSON of Augusta and Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, CAIN of Penobscot, Representatives: MARKS of Pittston, GRANT of Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 651) (L.D. 1657) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth and Senator: JOHNSON of Lincoln, Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, RANKIN of Hiram, McCLELLAN of Raymond, WILLETTE of Mapleton, KORNFIELD of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence" (S.P. 649) (L.D. 1656) (Sponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: VALENTINO of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, FLOOD of Kennebec, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, President ALFOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representative: FREDETTE of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Increase Transparency of Administration Costs within the University of Maine System" (S.P. 621) (L.D. 1630) (Sponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, GILLWAY of Searsport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 626) (L.D. 1635) (Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, BOYLE of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MacDONALD of Boothbay, THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 629) (L.D. 1638) (Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot)

(Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senator: President ALFOND of Cumberland, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, KORNFIELD of Bangor, GRANT of Gardiner, KUSIAK of Fairfield, COOPER of Yarmouth, JORGENSEN of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion" (S.P. 619) (L.D. 1628) (Sponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Senators: VALENTINO of York, MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: DILL of Old Town, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, BERRY of Bowdoinham, MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law" (S.P. 638) (L.D. 1647) (Sponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine" (S.P. 644) (L.D. 1652) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, JACKSON of Aroostook, BOYLE of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: HOBBS of Saco, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, McCABE of Skowhegan, MORRISON of South Portland, BEAVERS of South Berwick, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, GRANT of Gardiner, DORNEY of Norridgewock, GIDEON of Freeport, McGOWAN of York, RYKERSON of Kittery, BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Environment and Natural Resources

Bill "An Act To Allow an Earlier Implementation Date for an Architectural Paint Stewardship Program" (S.P. 625) (L.D. 1634) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative GRANT of Gardiner and Senators: BOYLE of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stabilize Sand Dunes Affected by Actions of the Federal Government" (S.P. 635) (L.D. 1644) (Sponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York) (Cosponsored by Representative CHENETTE of Saco and Senators: COLLINS of York, BOYLE of Cumberland, Representatives: HOBBS of Saco, ROCHELO of Biddeford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Provide a More Efficient and Reliable System of Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 627) (L.D. 1636) (Sponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JOHNSON of Lincoln, Representatives: BECK of Waterville, GILBERT of Jay, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRANT of Gardiner, GATTINE of Westbrook, FARNSWORTH of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the

Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt" (S.P. 631) (L.D. 1640) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, President ALFOND of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin, JOHNSON of Lincoln, GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, FARNSWORTH of Portland, BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices" (S.P. 633) (L.D. 1642) (Sponsored by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Terminate a MaineCare Transportation Contract (S.P. 658) (L.D. 1663) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, President ALFOND of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York, BOYLE of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, CAIN of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, DORNEY of Norridgewock, HAMANN of South Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws" (S.P. 662) (L.D. 1667) (Sponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York) (Cosponsored by Senator: BURNS of Washington, Representative: DAVIS of Sangerville) (Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Provider Profiling Program" (S.P. 620) (L.D. 1629) (Sponsored by Senator HILL of York) (Cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JACKSON of Aroostook, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, VEROW of Brewer, McGOWAN of York, RYKERSON of Kittery, THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Update Citations of Recodified Federal Regulations in the Maine Consumer Credit Code" (S.P. 643) (L.D. 1651) (Sponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset) (Cosponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell) (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regarding Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement" (S.P. 654) (L.D. 1660) (Sponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative DeCHANT of Bath and Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, FOWLE of Vassalboro, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Extend the Date for a Business in a Tier 2 Location To Qualify for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits" (S.P. 624) (L.D. 1633) (Sponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Senators: SAVIELLO of Franklin, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, GATTINE of Westbrook, FARNSWORTH of Portland, PEOPLES of Westbrook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the

Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation" (S.P. 632) (L.D. 1641) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senators: GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, BOYLE of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, GILBERT of Jay, THERIAULT of Madawaska, CAMPBELL of Newfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Enable the Bureau of Labor Standards To Access Federal Reimbursement by Amending State Law To Conform to Federal Law" (S.P. 634) (L.D. 1643) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Representatives: MALABY of Hancock, VOLK of Scarborough, LOCKMAN of Amherst, HAMANN of South Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection Practices" (S.P. 639) (L.D. 1648) (Sponsored by Senator MAZUREK of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Senators: VALENTINO of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, BOYLE of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Unemployed Workers" (S.P. 642) (L.D. 1650) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, PLANTE of Berwick) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Expand and Improve Employment Opportunities in the State" (S.P. 652) (L.D. 1658) (Sponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and Senators: VALENTINO of York, LANGLEY of Hancock, JACKSON of Aroostook, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, BEAVERS of South Berwick, MAKER of Calais, GRANT of Gardiner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act" (S.P. 653) (L.D. 1659) (Sponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, McCABE of Skowhegan, SANBORN of Gorham, HERBIG of Belfast, ROCHELO of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Audit Procedures of the Maine Rural Development Authority" (S.P. 661) (L.D. 1666) (Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: WILLETTE of Mapleton, LOCKMAN of Amherst, MASTRACCIO of Sanford) (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Expedite Training Waiver Decisions for Unemployment Claimants by Transferring Original Jurisdiction from the Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation" (S.P. 663) (L.D. 1668) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by

Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: MALABY of Hancock, VOLK of Scarborough, LOCKMAN of Amherst, HAMANN of South Portland) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Standardize and Simplify the Process for Employers To Provide a Drug-free Workplace" (S.P. 664) (L.D. 1669) (Sponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot) (Cosponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock and Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock, Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, VOLK of Scarborough, LOCKMAN of Amherst) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 618) (L.D. 1627) (Sponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine" (S.P. 637) (L.D. 1646) (Sponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor and Senators: VALENTINO of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, BOYLE of Cumberland, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GRANT of Gardiner, KUSIAK of Fairfield) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive by Encouraging the Processing of Forest Products at Mills in the United States" (S.P. 640) (L.D. 1649) (Sponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and Senator: PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, SHORT of Pittsfield, HAMANN of South Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Municipal Hardship or Poverty Tax Abatement Law To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 647) (L.D. 1654) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick and Senator: BOYLE of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit" (S.P. 655) (L.D. 1661) (Sponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor and Senators: VALENTINO of York, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, JOHNSON of Lincoln, Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, WERTS of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations" (S.P. 659) (L.D. 1664) (Sponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative NELSON of Falmouth and Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, CHIPMAN of Portland, HERBIG of Belfast, KUSIAK of Fairfield, FARNSWORTH of Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Bill "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 636) (L.D. 1645) (Sponsored by Senator MAZUREK of Knox) (Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Senators: VALENTINO of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, COLLINS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: HOBBS of

Saco, WILLETTE of Mapleton, BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 622) (L.D. 1631) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Cosponsored by Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, KINNEY of Limington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Request the Federal Government To Recognize Environmental Hazards at the Military Training Center in Gagetown, New Brunswick and the Resulting Health Risks and Disabilities Suffered by Certain Members of the Maine National Guard (S.P. 623) (L.D. 1632) (Sponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Representatives: SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, KINNEY of Limington, MORIARTY of Cumberland, BEAULIEU of Auburn) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses" (S.P. 628) (L.D. 1637) (Sponsored by President ALFOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MONAGHAN-DERRIG of Cape Elizabeth and Senators: SAVIELLO of Franklin, BOYLE of Cumberland, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, CHIPMAN of Portland, HERBIG of Belfast, DEVIN of Newcastle, MARKS of Pittston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Designate the Maine Armed Forces Museum Operated by the Maine Military Historical Society as the Official State Military History Museum" (S.P. 645) (L.D. 1653) (Sponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, FOWLE of Vassalboro, KINNEY of Limington, BEAULIEU of Auburn) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws" (S.P. 648) (L.D. 1655) (Sponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York) (Cosponsored by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn and Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, FOWLE of Vassalboro, KINNEY of Limington) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites" (S.P. 656) (L.D. 1662) (Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln) (Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, NADEAU of Winslow) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 665) (L.D. 1670) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico and Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, KINNEY of Limington,

THERIAULT of Madawaska) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

Bill "An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources"

(H.P. 1229) (L.D. 1719)

Sponsored by Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BECK of Waterville, MAKER of Calais, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McELWEE of Caribou, PLANTE of Berwick, SANBORN of Gorham, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Operations of the Office of the Attorney General" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1230) (L.D. 1720)

Sponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DeCHANT of Bath, KESCHL of Belgrade.

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Improve the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program"

(H.P. 1228) (L.D. 1718)

Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

Cathy Newell, of Greenwood, on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years in the adult education field. Ms. Newell has been the Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association since 2001. A University of Maine and Vassar graduate with a background in social studies and art history, Ms. Newell first taught high school students in Rockland and at Gould Academy. She has been on and chaired many boards and committees over the years and has been involved in many activities devoted to civic and community fund-raising and outreach efforts. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association, Ms. Newell spent 23 years as Director of the Maine School Administrative District 44 Adult Education Program in Bethel. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Newell for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors;

(HLS 693)

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford, Representative WINSOR of Norway.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Lewiston, Representative Rotundo.

Representative **ROTUNDO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Cathy Newell is a Maine treasure. She has been a tireless advocate for adult education and, as such, has created programs and helped secure funding which have enriched the lives of thousands of adults in the state, as well as their families, because we all know that when parents go back to school, the educational aspirations of their children rise as well. Cathy is one of the most effective, passionate and dedicated advocates I've had the pleasure of working with in the State House. She is devoted to the people that she serves. As one of her colleagues once said, Cathy's success comes from seeing everything through the lens of what is best for her students. She has served as the voice of the undereducated and the underrepresented. Cathy will be missed very much in the State House, but her important work and her great work will live on in the adults in Maine for whom she has opened doors and helped to create a brighter future. We are enormously grateful to her for her work and we wish her the very best always.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Boothbay, Representative MacDonald.

Representative **MacDONALD**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I rise today also to honor Cathy Newell, of Greenwood, on the occasion of her retirement from the position of Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association. In addition to her work in the field of Adult Ed, Ms. Newell is a former high school teacher in Rockland and at Gould Academy, and her work in the Bethel Adult Education system led to that site being one of the initial pilots in the Maine ITV system. I know you will all agree with me on the importance of Adult Ed in giving new skills and new pleasures and new outlets in life to many adult learners, skills which not only improve the quality of their personal lives but also help them in moving forward in the field of work. Ms. Newell has been involved in the life of the community through Adult Ed and in many other ways, locally and statewide, for long years. I bring her the heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Education Committee

and the education community of the State of Maine on the occasion of her retirement, and wish her well in her retirement years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Bethel, Representative Crockett.

Representative **CROCKETT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Members of the House. Cathy Newell, I have known her since I was a kid. She has touched the lives of many in our community, not just through the Adult Ed but through her activities at the library and in numerous, numerous community organizations. She is a force and she undoubtedly will remain a force even after her retirement from Adult Ed, and I hope she does, because if she can continue through the next 50 years what she's done over the last 40, she will only make our community better. I look forward to seeing more of her in our town and it will be a pleasure. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Buckfield, Representative Hayes.

Representative **HAYES**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House. I also rise to thank Cathy Newell for all that she's done, in terms of supporting adult education. In an earlier edition of my life, I was Adult Education Director and I learned how to do my job well from Cathy. She is a force to be reckoned with, no matter what she chooses to do. Some of you are probably familiar with The Four Agreements. I'm just looking for a few smiles, you'll know what I'm talking about. Well, one of them is always do your best, and Cathy Newell always does her best. She has been a role model for me, and it's my privilege to have gotten here in time this morning to be able to stand up and say that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Russell.

Representative **RUSSELL**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, have known Ms. Newell for many years, growing up in Bryant Pond. She is a force to be reckoned with as Representative Hayes said. One of the things that I love about Cathy Newell is just how particular she is and how dedicated she is. You know, when Cathy Newell calls you and asks you to do something, you can't say, "Oh, I don't have time," because there are so many things that she is doing and has been doing. If she has the time to do something, then you should probably find it too, so you feel really guilty when you say, "No." So you don't end up saying "No." But what's really funny is my roommate grew up in Bethel, not too far from where I grew up, and her mom gave us a cookbook from the Bethel Historical Society and so we were very excited to see all the names of all the recipes. It was from like 1975 or something. We open it up, and sure enough, who was one of the ones that had written the book but Cathy Newell. It was very funny. So no matter where you go across this state, whether it's a cookbook from 1975 benefiting a historical society or it's with adult education, you are certain to find Cathy Newell. If you grew up or have any familiarity with Oxford County, you know that she has done so much more for the community out there than we are recognizing her for today, and I really appreciate all her work for adult education. But, for me, Cathy Newell has been a mentor and a supporter and someone who gave me either a good dose of encouragement or a good kick in the pants whenever I needed it, so I just thank you for all of her hard work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Faye Nicholson, of Waterville, who is the founder and an executive director of Revitalizing the Energy in Maine, known as REM. Mrs. Nicholson came up with the idea for REM after brainstorming with hundreds of residents of Waterville in 1995. REM is a nonprofit volunteer organization whose purpose is to make central Maine a more connected and collaborative community. Mrs. Nicholson is also on the board of the Waterville Regional Arts and Community Center. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. Nicholson for her commitment to the citizens of central Maine;

(HLS 695)

Presented by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec,
Representative BECK of Waterville.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.
READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Waterville, Representative Longstaff.

Representative **LONGSTAFF**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Although I have known Faye Nicholson for many, many years, it was an article in Waterville's *Morning Sentinel* that prompted me to sponsor the Sentiment that we see before us this morning. Allow me to quote just a couple of paragraphs from that news story.

"On a frigid Wednesday night, a man dressed as Santa stood inside the downtown storefront window of The Center, waving at passing children, bundled up from the cold.

"In years past, the children and their parents waited outside to see St. Nick in a hut in the center of nearby Castonguay Square.

"The change to an indoor location, a welcome addition to the holiday season for the visiting families and volunteers alike, was made possible by Revitalizing the Energy in Maine, known as REM. The nonprofit volunteer organization has aimed to make central Maine a more connected and collaborative community for the last 18 years.

"During that time, REM has worked to develop the greater Waterville community by beautifying the downtown area, helping with the city's annual events such as the Santa visits, transforming the former department store into a multi-use community building and helping [to] support ... nonprofit organizations."

For the last 18 years, under the capable leadership of Faye Nicholson, REM has had an important role in revitalizing the greater Waterville area, stimulating the activities of volunteer organizations and fostering business development. REM was a major supporter of the Kennebec Messalonskee Trails Network. REM has publicized and made space available for events sponsored by Colby College, Thomas College, Maine General Medical Center, Inland Hospital and many others. REM has worked closely with the Waterville Opera House, Waterville Main Street, Habitat for Humanity and more. REM has made space for new businesses in the building that they purchased and these businesses contribute to a growing sense of progress in revitalizing the downtown district of our city. There is much more that I could say, much more, but perhaps the best way to put it is simply to say, thank you, Faye. Thank you for your dreams and the ability you have to turn those dreams into reality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 683)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Support Homeless Shelters"

(S.P. 682) (L.D. 1717)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the House adjourned at 10:50 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2014 pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 683).